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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

Put two cupfuls of flour into one quart of gasoline and stir well. Put waist in this and let remain a couple of hours, shake and stir around, but not rub; give a second bath of clear gasoline, put a clean corset cover over a form or pillow; stretch waist on this to dry, then brush with a soft brush to remove any remaining flour. The waist will look like new and the beads will be bright. The seams, only, need pressing.

When making a buttonhole in a coat or skirt, always wax the silk or linen thread before beginning to work; then let the linen run along the edge of the buttonhole while working with silk, and change the silk for every hole. This will keep the work smooth, and by using the linen thread before beginning to work then let alone and the raised effect will be given the buttonhole.

A horseshoe nail in the pocket of the work apron is a valuable asset to the housewife. It will remove dust from corners, meat from cutters and will clean utensils with corners or holes easily and effectively.

Coal dust is wasted unless the mistress sees that it is burned, and yet it makes beautiful fires. Have a galvanized iron scuttle for the purpose. Add sufficient water to the coal to make it moist. When a fire is burning brightly bank it up with this wet dust and you will have a clear fire which will last for hours.

Coffee is better and pots are easier cleaned if cheesecloth bags are used to hold the coffee or, better still, have a percolator.

A raw egg or two beaten up and milk or cream added, with a little sugar, a pinch of salt and a grating of nutmeg will often be most satisfying when the stomach has a spell of rebellion.

Equal parts of linseed oil and cider vinegar makes an excellent dressing for linoleum.

To keep lettuce fresh after washing put in a brown paper bag and twist the top of the bag tightly to exclude the air.

A dingy looking rug may be brightened by rubbing it well with a cloth which has been dipped in gasoline and wrung dry.

When purchasing a roast of veal have the butcher lard it with sa ltpork. This will make the meat juicy instead of being dry, and it will have a fine flavor that will be had in no other way.

Sift together one cup each of corn and rye meal, entire wheat flour and two and one half teaspoon of soda Add one cup chopped suet, two-thirds cup molasses, one pint sour milk, one cup brown sugar, one-half teaspoon salt. As batter is poured into buttered mold add sliced canned peaches, pear and apricots. Steam three hours. Serve hot with whipped cream.

For individual serving, boiled cauliflower broken into suitable size to fill ramekins or scallop shells makes an attractive and palatable vegetable, each serving covered with a generous portion of white sauce, over which cheese is grated.

Mash hot boiled potatoes, season with butter, salt and pepper, add one egg to moisten. If not moist enough add a little milk. Beat together until very light, spread on pie plate, wet top with a little egg and milk. Brown in oven.

Coffee pots should never stand around with the grounds in them. If coffee is to be warmed over, drain it and reheat when wanted. If the coffee pot is emptied as soon as the meal is over and filled with cold water and boiled thepot will always be sweet.

Tea and coffee pots should be washed after using them just as carefully as one does their good china, and left to air in the sunlight, if possible. The ideal way to serve tea is in using a teaball at the table, but for every-day life most people are too busy for such pleasures, so that a stone or earthen teapot is best to use.

DISCOVERY OF R. T. C.

The mother of R. T. C., 2 06¾, Miss Nellie, is a grand individual by Nutwood Prince, 2.27¼, son of Nutwood 2.18¾, while his second dam, The Banshee, was by Bronson 11040, son of Cuyler Clay, third dam by Legatee (thoroughbred).

I tried to purchase this mare at two years old, from Mr. D. M. Cochran, for $200, but the offer was refused. I liked her then and still believe her to be one of the world's greatest brood mares. I also believe her to be a 2.10 trotter, in good hands.

R. T. C.'s sire is Prince March, 2.13¼. I gave him his record and drove him in every race he ever started in. I also marked his son, Prince March Jr., in 2.17¼, and was never behind the money but one with the two, and that was with Prince March Jr.

Everyone knows Prince March's breeding now—by Delmarch, 2.11¼, dam Queen Wilkes, 2.23¼, by George Wilkes, and a world beater in his day, Prince March, 2.13¼, was a cast-off by his breeder and his second owner, notwithstanding his breeding and latent speed. His present owner and myself developed him into a great racehorse and a great sire.

The greatest of all his foals so far is R. T. C., the "plow horse." He first came to my notice on the public road while riding with my wife and driving Bohemia Girl, 2.15½, to a light two seated buggy. A son of the breeder of R. T. C., Richard T. Cochran, was driving him between Wilmington and Odessa and challenged me to a race. I never refuse when I think I have a chance, and after looking R. T. C. over decided I had a large one, as I had worked Bohemia Girl, then a four-year-old, in 2.21 and repeated in 2.22; also stepped a half in 1.07½, and she was extremely steady.

WILLARD B. BIGGS

R. T. C. had never seen a track; had been working on the farm to plows, cultivators, roller, mower, binder and farm wagons, but, Abraham Lincln, he had been to night school. This farmer's son, after working him to plow all day, drove him nights and raced all comers to a finish. With his wonderful stamina and good breeding, he stood everything imposed upon him and improved rapidly.

When he met Bohemia Girl he met the queen of the turf in our country, driven by a man whom our farmers and town people consider some kind of a professor. Well, I was glad no one saw what R. T. C. did to me but my wife. Usually it is easy to explain a beating to a wife or an owner, but this was one occasion on which it would not go.

Mrs. Biggs insisted I was beaten fairly; that the horse was a wonder, and from that time on urged me to buy him and train him for myself. This I did about a month later. In the course of a few days the father of the boy came along with R. T. C., asking me to go to the track and try him. I put him to an 80 pound cart and stepped him through the backstretch four times. He went like a bird, showing better than a 2.20 gait for an eighth. Then I turned him the right way, struck the turns, and it was all off. R. T. C. hit everywhere, sulked and went into a pase and forgot he ever trotted a step for fully a half-hour.

I kept my temper and finally he trotted again. I went away at a gait, took him back strong on the first turn, stepped through the backstretch quickly and pulled back strong on the second turn, then let him step home the half in 1.14, which pleased both Mr. Cochran and myself. R. T. C., however, had banged his knees so severely that they swelled badly, and he was done for three weeks.

Finally Mr. Cochran came back and insisted that I take him away with my string of horses and sell him if I could get $4 00 for him, offering me 10 per cent. commission. I roaded him to Wilmington and tried to sell him to Mr. Howard T. Wallace, president of the Wilmington Driving Association, and make my commission. Mr. Wallace saw me work him better than 2.20 and go the turns slowly, rode after him to carriage, etc., but could not feel that he was worth our lowest price, $400.

Mr. Frank Cox of Philadelphia, who had bought from me Nellie W., 2.18¼, as a two year-old, wanted a good thing, so I sent for him, telling him I thought R. T. C., with training, was the best thing down my way. He came to Wilmington to see him, and when we went to hitch all R. T. C turned "side to," and Mr. Cox beheld his shoulders, white-haired from the plow collar, his trace marked hindquarters, and turned away, saying he did not want to see him out of the stall; he could see enough in.

I came home without my commission and no customer in sight, but feeling sure of the horse's ability if I could get him around the turns.

I shod him three times in one day, making little improvement on the turns, though his burst of speed on the stretches were marvelous. After considerable persuasion from Mrs. Biggs, who urged that with only $360 invested it was impossible to lose much, I made the purchase of the horse the following day.

With some good suggestions from Tommy Early, Wilmington's noted blacksmith, and Dr. J. C. McCoy, I gave him a different shoeing all around, and it improved him quite a lot. I started him for the money the week following at West Chester, Pa., for the first time in his life. He acted fine in a cheap race, was second in four heats out of five and could win, but I thought it too good to be true and kept him back. Understand, this was only his sixth workout. The driver of the Kentucky Futurity winner of 1907, Jos. Serrill, won the race.

I shipped from there to Baltimore, and there R. T. C., 2.06¾, Charley Mitchell, 2.04¼, and some other "no account" half-mile track trotters, met. Well, Free Mason, 2.19¼, driven by Aaron Tyson of Wilmington, Del., and owned by the genial Howard T. Walace aforementioned, won all the laurels. R. T. C. quit with the red flag in the second heat and went to the barn. I came home with $100 worth of Charley Mitchell's tickets, believing him to be decidedly the best horse in the race. R. T. C. hit his knee on the turn in the second heat, went into a pace and awaited the flag.

Now, after being distanced with R. T. C. and losing his entrance fee, then Charley getting trimmed, and losing on the tickets I had on him, my temper got the best of me, and before I went to the barn with R. T. C. he struck a trot and I whipped him good for his misbehavior, adding three or four cracks for the misbehavior of Charley Mitchell. When I cooled off I was riding on the trot at a two-minute gait and was delighted. Having ridden many quarters behind Bedworth Jr., 2.06¼, and Barnett B., 2,06¼, I realized what I was doing with a trotter.

Now the shoeing gets all right. After shipping to Allentown, I met the curly-headed, busy little blacksmith we call "Charley," and I got his assistance. He fixed R. T. C.'s feet—toe-weights, shoes back and front, according to his scientific ideas, and he declared he was all right and I would have no further trouble with him. Well, he has never been beaten since; in fact, he has never been in much trouble since. After that I won six straight races with him, marking him at Baltimore in the fourth heat of his race in 2.14¼.

I do not wish to claim the credit of making R. T. C. fast; give it to the night schools and the farmer's son, who drove him, or to Charlie, the blacksmith. It was Charlie who drove every nail in the right place and made R. T. C. capable of trotting a mile equally as fast as his present record.

The second year I trained him he showed the last half a half-mile track here in 1.03½, which was just one-half second faster than Barnett B., 2.06½, over Allentown track, could show here. Later I took R. T. C., to Wilmington to race. He worked that track for me in 2.13¾ with perfect ease. I did not start him there, fearing it would put me out of the 2.15 class to win. I accepted an invitation from Dr. J. C. McCoy to race with Binvolo, 2.07¾, over his track. In working R. T. C. before the race, I drove him down to the half in 1.10 and finished the mile in 2.11, stepping the last half by my watch, also by Mr. Snedeker's, in 1.01 with ease and felt satisfied he could go a half in a minute.

I retired him with every intention of staking him in a few of the large stakes the following year, but, having a total failure in my peach crop that season, it would have necessitated mortgaging my lands to raise the large stake entrances. Having seen so many good horses go wrong, I decided, under the circumstances, to sell the horse. I will never believe that R. T. C., as I said before I sold him, is anything less than a 2.05 trotter. He always tried to do the right thing at the plow, on the road and on the track (after Charlie shod him). No horse ever gave me as much profit as R. T. C., and no horse ever won more money than this great horse did for the great driver, Tommy Murphy.

When I drove him he gave me more profit, but no more pleasure than when Tommy Murphy trimmed all the crackerjacks down the Grand Circuit with the greatest star in my experience with horseflesh. Out of four crackerjacks raised between the Delaware and Chesapeake bays I have had three—Redworth Jr., 2.06½, Barnett B., 2.06¼ (half-mile track), and R. T. C., losing only Democracy, 2.07¾. I count it a pleasure to state that the two horses I have sent to the Grand Circuit never lost a race—Redworth Jr., 2.06½, that I trained up to within one week of his start at Providence, R. I., where he won in 2.06½, and all other starts in the Grand Circuit; and R. T. C., 2.06¾, that won every race, losing but a single heat.

It is an old adage that "what happens twice will occur the third time." So look out for me.

Better Year in Business

There were 15 failures of business and industrial houses on the Delaware-Maryland peninsula in 1911 than there were in 1910, and the liabilities of those who failed in 1911 were $23,199 less than of those who failed in 1910. There were 53 failures in 1911 in the territory comprising the peninsula, according to the annual statement of R. G. Dunn & Co.'s Wilmington office. The liabilities were $295,982, and the assets were $146,197.

Of the failures 58 were in Delaware, 10 less than the preceding year; 20 were on the Eastern shore of Maryland and five were in the two counties of Virginia. In this territory there are 9300 merchants. The report also shows that the white potato crop and the fruit crop on the peninsula were complete failures—that business in many lines was dull throughout the year.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS OF THE PENINSULA

The new post office at New Castle opened Monday morning.

John W. Dayett has been re elected president of the New Castle County Levy Court.

During the year just ended there were 216 deaths in Wilmington and New Castle county.

The Mill Creek hundred Mutual Fire Insurance Company has elected Philip Pearson president.

The attorney for Newark Council has been instructed to prepare an entirely new set of ordinances.

Honeysuckle was in bloom Sunday at Hillside Cottage, on the Howard Reynolds farm, near Richardsmere.

Lyell Leithiser, a student at Tome Institute, has been appointed assistant instructor of manual training.

Miss Mildred Clayton won highest honors at an old fashioned spelling bee at the Rising Sun Grammar school.

While lowering a window the sash fell upon the hand of Mrs. Edgar Kelley, of Havre de Grace badly mashing it.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowen is under arrest in Wilmington for the alleged theft of $9 from Lena Romagna, of Grubb's Landing.

After an adjournment for ten days on account of the holidays, the Cecil County Circuit Court reconvened in Elkton Monday.

The Citizens' National Bank of Havre de Grace, has declared a 6 per cent. dividend, an increase of 1½ per cent. over last year.

Charged with stealing chickens from Hiram Guessford, of Ridgely, Edward Scott, colored, has been lodged in Denton jail.

Members of Mount Pleasant Methodist Church, Cecil county, presented their pastor, Rev. Blanchard McFarland, a purse of $23.

Salisbury Brothers, of Ridgely, have bought the D. P. Holsinger canning house at Tuckahoe Station and will operate it this year.

Thomas H. Warburton, of near Union, has been reappointed a member of the Board of Trustees of Poor and Insane of Cecil county.

Charged with assult upon Constable S. J. Crouch, in Elk Neck, Thomas Russell, of North East, has been arrested and held for a hearing.

J. Jackson Pierce was appointed foreman of the Grand Jury which reported for duty in the New Castle County Court Monday.

An exploding waterback in a stove in H. B. Michaels' residence, at Perryman, wrecked the kitchen and painfully injured Mrs. Michaels.

The Baltimore & Ohio freight station in Wilmington, which was partly destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, will be rebuilt immediately.

Richard Kavanaugh and Frederick Brand were fined $2 and costs each by a Wilmington Magistrate for creating trouble on a Henry Clay trolley car.

Governor Pennewill gave a New Year's reception at his home at Greenwood to the members of his personal staff and of the general staff of the Delaware militia.

J. W. Cranston, of Marshallton, narrowly escaped injury while in Wilmington, when the axle of his automobile broke, letting the machine drop into the street.

EXPERTS TO TALK ON FRUIT

Pocomoke City, Md., Dec. 31—Always instructive and interesting, the annual session of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, to be held here from January 9 to 11, inclusive, promises to be one of the best in the history of the organization an elaborate program having been provided. The first session will be held on Tuesday afternoon of next week, and after addresses by President Frank E. Matthews, of Pocomoke, and the secretory-treasurer, George A. Hill, of Bridgeville, Del., will discuss peaches, and Walter B. Harris, of Worton, Md., and Leigh M. Hodges, of Philadelphia, apples. In the evening the speakers will be Professor W. R. Silvester of the Maryland Agricultural College; Orlando Harrison, of Berlin, Md., J. B. S. Norton and Professor T. B. Symons, of College Park, Md., Proffessor W. M. Scott, of the Federal Department of Agriculturc, and G. R. Cushman, of Baltimore.

The speakers for Wednesday include Proffessor C. P. Close, of the Department of Agriculture; J. T. Shallcross, Jr., of Middletown, Del.; O. A. Newton, of Bridgeville, Del.; E. C. Johnson, of Newark, Del; H. T. Dumont, of Philadelphia; Dr. R. S. Hill, director of Maryland Farmers' Institutes; Professor C. A. McCue, of the Delaware Experiment Station; Proffessor T. C. Johnson of the Virginia Experiment Station W. D. Elzey, of Exmore, Va.; Proffessor W. B. Waite, of the Department of Agriculture and Professor R. L. Watts, of State College, Pa.

A reception and banquet will be rendered the members of the society by the Pocomoke City Board Wednesday evening, and on Thursday in addition to a business session, there will be addresses by W. R. Beattie of the Department of Agriculture; W. F. Allen, of Salisbury, Md.; Professor A. E. Grantham, of the Delaware Experiment Station; H. S. Lippincott, of Bacon, Del.; J. W. Kerr, of Denton, Md.; Harry W. Merrill, of Pocomoke; Ebe Walter, of Dover, Del., and A. J. McMath, of Onley Va.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

NEW YORK, January

Spring models are already to be seen in certain quarters known to the initiated and the woman who wants her clothes to stay in style is always interested in the best Parisian gowns, tor these have a way of remaining undated until they are worn out.

SKIRT LINES

Skirts will remain narrow, and those without other trimming than plaits down the middle of the front and back are endorsed by Paquin for the street suit. On the other hand limp ruffles are to be worn on skirts of foulard and similar light clinging fabrics. Crepe de-chine is once more in the forefront of fashionable fabrics and is very much used for odd blouses as well as for entire frocks.

BLACK AND WHITE

Black and white is an old story yet this combination remains and bids fair to continue in the van of modish effects. The combinations are simply endless and whatever the figure, age or complexion, the sable and white can be arranged becomingly. White lace or tulle can be used near the face, and this is sure to be complimentary to anyone. Then all one's belongings go together and are interchange. which makes for economy, and if one must have color a dash is easily introduced in a flower—one of the silk or velvet kind that have been such popular gifts lately.

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SOME INSTANCES

A coat suit of ratine or velour-de-laine has a shawl collar and cuffs of black fur. The hat of white ratine is banded with fur, Cossack fashion. A black satin suit has enormous revers and flaring cuffs of white ratine—a cloth of velvet texture—a white satin waist coat with crystal buttons, and a hat of black velvet with its rolling brim caught back with a white cocade.

FOR THE THEATRE

For the threatre a gown of black satin with a skirt with raised waistline has a Grecian blouse of white chiffon edged with a necklace of rhinestone trimmings and over the left shoulder a strap of black draped tulle, caught with a rhinestone ornament at the back and falling, sash fashion, to the hem of the skirt,

LONG COATS

Long coats of many styles are indispensable, in a well dressed woman's wardrobe and if, well selected, are an excellent investment, since they have a way of looking right for many more seasons than any dress will last. Women who plan cleverly or have Christmas money to spend are taking advantage of the reductions being offered in all the best stores, where it is not considered desirable to carry over stock to another season. Model coats of fur fit for an Empress can be had at two-thirds of their former markings. Genuine seal coats that a few weeks since were nearly a thousand dollars can be bought for six hundred, moire astrachan for $450 and so on down the line to small furs and auto-coats, caps, gloves and robes. C. C. Shayne is showing irresistible bargains in furs just now with their well known quality guaranted.

DRESS MODELS

French dresses that have done duty as models at the up-to-date shops can now be bought for the price of a copy, and while they always need to be sewed over because the stitching is so poor, they are well worth the trouble at the priced asked for them. Hats, lingerie, in fact almost everything, has tumbled from the former altitude and endless opportunities are offered for the clever buyer who will invest in staple styles liable to last, while her injudicious neighbor will carry off some flaring novelty that she and her friends will tire of seeing in a month or less. It's a wise woman who know how to shop.

LUCY CARTER

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

All feed possible should be grown on the farm.

Turkeys do not take kindly to indoor roosting places.

Rubber hose must be hung in a dry place if you expect it to last long enough for you.

Give the asparagus bed an overcoat of manure before hard, freezing weather comes on.

A few hours' attention to the implements when storing saves days of work in the spring rush.

Fall plowing of the garden destroys cut worms and other insects besides getting rid of fall weeds.

Potatoes for seed should be carefully stored where the temperature will be as possible without freezing the potatoes.

Bees are safe for winter? If they are in the cellar, see that the hives are raised from the floor. Remove the bottom board.

The success of turkey raising depends upon the kind of care given for the first five or six weeks.

The expense of putting the third 100 pounds of weight on a hog puts a premium on early marketing.

When you are ready to start feeding silage take every bit of the moldy top off and remove it from the barn.

Save the wood ashes during the coming winter and you will have the best kind of fertilizers for the orchard.

The air in the hen house is often contaminated by gases arising from filth and the accumulated droppings.

The stone sily when properly built has always given attraction.

Study and master at least one farm problem during the leisure time this winter.

Get the habit of hauling manure to the field every day as it is taken from the barn.

A good system for the care of orchards is: Cultivation at least two or three years out of five; plant with clover during the other years; cut the clover and leave it on the ground or scatter under the trees.

Some farmers do not like cement for horse stalls on account of its hardness, but this can be overcome by using slats over the cement, or by laying the cement only half way up from the rear and using boards in front.

Be sure the potatoes are free from frost.

Rapidity is one of the great essentials in milking a cow.

Cut the cost of production by using machinery wherever you can.

Plucking of the fowl begins immediately after killing and should be rapidly done.

Some of the most successful breeders of fancy poultry have very inexpensive houses.

A good draft horse is a good farm horse either to wear out in the field or to sell when mature.

The total value of farm lands and buildings in 1910 approximated $6,300,000,000, of which the $1,823,000,000 of Texas was nearly 28 per cent.

The cause of the contamination of milk is largely due to lack of perfect cleanliness with the milking utensils, surroundings, methods of delivery and personal cleanliness.

The horse that can move the most freight in a lifetime is sought by every buyer, but such qualities can not be infallibly indicated by any market test. They must be judged by appearances.

Grape vines may be trimmed in the late fall after the leaves have fallen, but before the vines have frozen, or in the early spring after the wood has thawed out but before the sap has started.

Humor the fowls during the winter that is, give them the kind of food they crave and the kind of food they need to keep their bodies sustained and to permit of their producing eggs at the same time.

Success in pork production is largely affected by the attention given to the health and comfort of the brood sow.

The ripening or souring of the cream is one of the most important steps throughout process of butter making.

Wear an ill-fitting collar if you wish, in order to be stylish, but don't make your horse wear one that is not a smooth fit.

Many farmers have yet to learn that a cow cannot live upon an unpalatable ration of corn and straw and do anywhere need her best.

Remember that quality is ahead of size every time. The hog which will produce the most pork with the least waste is the desired sort.

A shed of poles covered with straw and open to the south will inter the hogs nicely if provided with clean, fresh bedding from time to time.

A small flock of healthy hens, given the best of care and attention, will give a yearly profit of $1 per hen. after paying for the food consumed.

Try to protect all stock from cold winds and rains. It pays.

At the time of shipment the fleeces of sheep or lambs should be dry.

Reject all damaged feed. It will pay you in good milk and excellent butter.

Don't neglect to commence feeding the colts some grain before they are weaned.

Is the slobbering horse in need of more grain, or may it not be that its teeth need filing?

Sheep, like men, can endure great severity if conditions are maintained favorable to the body.

There are a good many breeders who still believe that it is profitable to grind corn for the hogs.

The backs of swine are often injured by juvenile "rough riders" who choose hogs for their mounts.

It's a good idea to wait on the corn until you are sure it is safe to be cribbed, but not to wait any longer.

Australia has an artesian water area of 640,000 square miles, mostly arid localities, available for irrigation.

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THE FAMOUS R. T. C.

On the first page of THE TRANSCRIPT appears a highly interesting article, entitled the "Discovery of R. T. C.," written for the Christmas number of the Horse World, by our well-known expert horseman, Mr. Willard B. Biggs.

This achievement of bringing out R. T. C., sired by the noted Prince March, 2 13¼, still owned by Mr. C. Malcolm Cochran, and those two other famous trotters, Bedworth Jr. and Barnett B. (both 2.06½ goers), three of the four fastest horses ever produced in the state, easily land Mr. Biggs under the wire, a winner by many lengths, as the foremost horseman in Delaware.

He has most emphatically put "Middletown, Del." upon the map, and from once to a dozen times, upon the pages of every secular newspaper published in this whole country.

It is no common performance to have coupled the town's name with the most notable event in all the history of horsemanship in the United States; viz, the winning by one horse in a single season of the big sum of $70,000.00 upon the turf.

From Mr. Bigg's, breezy narrative of this remarkable horse, the reader will deduce two useful lessons.

First, never despise a "cringed cat"—R. T. C. in the eyes of some of the crack horsey fellows, wasn't worth a second look.

Second. Don't forget the wise admonition of "Poor Richard," the second Solomon, "If a man would thrive, let him ask his wife." Mr. Biggs with credit able candor gives to his better half the credit of his purchase of the unpromising, R. T. C.

A GOOD DOCTOR GOES

It is seldom one meets in professional life so rare a combination of physician and friend as was pleasingly disclosed in the very successful career of Dr. Charles A. Ritchie, who for seventeen years has practiced Homeopathic medicine in Middletown and in all the country far around.

It is refreshing in this utilitarian age, where too often the honorable professions of Theology, Medicine and Law, are degraded to the level of mere money-making occupations, to witness an exhibition of the old time practice of the art of healing that exalted its prerogatives above the sordid plane of business and nobly made it include also acts of charity and beneficence.

THE TRANSCRIPT wishes Dr. Ritchie a renewal in his new field of the successes that have crowned his labors here.

ODESSA

Miss Anna Moore spent Wednesday last in Philadelphia.

Mr. Lee Sparks, Jr, visited friends in Wilmington this week.

Miss Ethel Mailley spent a few days last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Aspril is the guest of friends in Hateboro, N. J., this week.

Mr. Earl Ward, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with his parents here.

Mrs. Annie B. Berry is the guest of relatives in Kennedyville, Md., this week.

Mrs. William Tyson and son George of Philadelphia, visited friends in town Tuesday.

Mrs. R. D. Moore, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week with her sister Mrs. Harry Wilson.

Miss Alice Croft of Philadelphia, is spending this week with her grandmother Mrs. Eliza Croft.

Mr. Pierce Stevens, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days this week with friends near town.

Mr. William Reynolds and family of St. Georges spent Christmas Day with his mother Mrs. C. Reynolds.

Mrs. Joseph Hampton and son Leonard who have been spending sometime with her mother, have returned to their home, in Baltimore accompanied by her sister Miss Mary Gilch.

Fine New Moving Pictures

Mr. Newman offers some rare new things for next week and after on Monday the drama based on Burns' immortal song, "Auld Lang Syne," a special in 2 reels, and a number of excellent comedies and comics on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

On Monday 15th, a wonderful war picture showing 1000 people in it at one time "The Battle" Thrilling!

Thursday 18th, the famous Passion Play." This fine exhibition is the next thing to making the costly trip to Ober Ammergau to witness the original.

Postal Saving Bank

Postmaster Jolls has been informed that the new Postal Saving Bank will open for business at the local office on January 9th. Mr. Jolls will be pleased to give all the information desired by those contemplating opening an account with this new department.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Benjamin Lewoy was in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Miss Laura Heavelow is spending this week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. B. Raleigh, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mr. Hart Scott on Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Sallie Taylor was given a surprise postal card shower on Tuesday, it being her birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Jones left on Tuesday where they will board through the winter months.

Little Miss Ethel Morris spent a few days af this week with her grandmother Mrs. Maggie Morris.

Miss Lilian Hart returned to the Dover Academy after spending the holidays with her parents here.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney had as her guests on Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. Henry Webb, of Blackbird, and Miss Aralee Lattomus.

Mrs. Jennie Steats who has been with her daughter in Philadelphia, came to her daughter's Mrs. J. Pritchard to day to spend sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. L L Maloney entertained over Sunday Mr. and Mrs Harry Ellison and Mrs. Richardson of Wilmington and Miss Maud Smith of Middletown.

Misses Ethelwyn Maloney and Arralee Lattomus and Messrs. Hart Scott and his friend Mr. B. Raleigh, of Wilmingtonattended the Leap Year dance at Middletown Monday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Lee and daughter Miss Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee and son, Mr. Thomas Wells and daughters Misses May and Mildred and Mr. E. Looty attended a turkey dinner at the home of Mr.and Mrs.John orris,of near Smyrna on Sunday.

PORT PENN

Harry Eaton spent the holidays with friends near Chester, Pa.

Frank Hickman is spending this week with relatives in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Fred Kumpel, of Medford, N J., was the guest of A. Kumpel and wife one day last week.

Miss Cora Yearsley entertained over Sunday her friend Miss Lillian Hall of Riverside, N. J.

Mrs. B W Yearsley returned on Monday after spending last week as the guest of her parents Jos. Huston and wife, of Seaford Del.

Mrs. John Wallen attended the funeral of her niece, Mrs. Earle Cross, in Wilmington, on Monday. Mrs. Cross was well known here, and her friends were saddened to hear of her death.

There was very little demonstration here on New Year's evening. The old year was bidden adieu by the tolling of bells, and the new heralded by the lound ringing of the bells.

School opened here again on Tuesday with Mrs. Brainard Yearsley acting as principal in place of Miss Beulah Dawes who is under the doctor's care for throat trouble at her home in Philadelphia.

Coy Yearsley and Miss Elsie Minner returned to her home in Harrington after a week's visit with his parents William Yearsley and and wife. They were accompanied home by Raymond Yearsley who will spend a couple of weeks there.

John D. Lindsay, of Lafayette College, preached two excellent sermons in the Presbyterian church on Sunday. Mr. Lindsay was in charge of the church about three summers ago,and has a host of friends here who were indeed glad to welcome him again.

WARWICK

Mrs William Vinyard spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Johns, were Galena visitors on Wednesday last.

Miss Blanche Wright, spent part of her Xmas holidays with Elkton friends

Mrs. William Williamson and daughter, Dorothy, are visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Edith Ginn, of Middletown, spent several days last week with friends in town.

Mr. and Mrs L. P. King entertained Rev. and Mrs. G. J. Hill at dinner, on Monday.

Mr. Lewis Aiken, of Philadelphia, was the guest of his father Mr. Walter Aiken, on Monday.

Mrs. Wilson Merritt, entertained Miss Elma Finley, Wilmington from Saturday until Monday.

Preaching here Sunday evening at 7.30 Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. Rev. G. J. Hill, Pastor. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Urie Ginn, of near Mt. Pleasant several days the past week.

Mr. J. R. H. Price, visited her son, Midshipman, W. R. Price, at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, several days days last week.

Mr. Gervis Hill left for Western Maryland College, on Wednesday, after spending a pleasant visit with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. G. Hill.

Mr. J. H. Vinyard, left for Wilmington on Tuesday to take up the shorthand course at Goldey college. His many friends from here wish him success.

BLACKBIRD

Mr. A. M. Mackey, of Camden, spent a day or two with friends here.

Mrs. Theodore Ferguson visited Miss Anna Beckett in Smyrna last week.

Mrs. James Buckson spent a few days of last week with friends in Stockton, Md.

Mrs. John Rawley and two children spent New Year's day with Mr. Lewis Schafer,

Mrs. W. A. Watson Sr. spent New Year's day with her mother Mrs. Fannie Guessford.

Miss Phylis and Miss Emily Fortner spent New Year's Day with Miss Ruth Reynolds.

Mr. Eddie Morgan, of Kennedyville, Md. and Mr. Arthur Guessford, of near Townsend spent Sunday with their aunt Mrs. W. A. Watson, Jr., and family.

Mr. William Cullen, of St Georges, and nieces Miss Helen Brockson, of Philadelphia, and Miss Clara Fenemore, of St. Georges, spent last Wednesday and Thursday with Mr. Fenemore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fenemore.

Public Sale

The undersigned, intending to give up the practice of general medicine and move to Wilmington, will sell at his home in Middletown, Delaware,

Thursday, JAN. 11th, '12

At 10.30 o'clock, A. M.,
The following property :

A 1911 Model E. M. F. 5 passenger Touring Car, with Top and Windshield, Gas Tank, Large Tool Box, Extra Whistle, Tire Holders, Wheel Puller, Magneto Cover, Tire Chains, new; Valve Grinder, 1 extra Shoe, used only two days; 2 extra Inner Tubes, 1 Spare Rim and several other extra tools and fixtures. Entire car in best of condition. Acknowledged by everybody to be the quietest and easiest running engine of any car in the neighborhood. This car has all the late 1911 improvements.

Four Horses

No. 1.—GARRETT, brown horse, 15 years old. Everybody knows him. Large fearless, fine looking and can show a little foot, yet any woman can drive him, would make an excellent family horse.

No. 2—BEN, 14 years old. A man's horse. Strong, fearless an all day driving horse.

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No. 4—DEWEY; 5 years old, brown horse. Fine Driver. Fearless.

Carriages and Harness

One Double Carriage, in first-class condition; 1 York Carriage, with extra set of wheels, in fair condition; 1 Sleigh, newly painted and in best of condition, with both shafts and pole; 1 Fancy Carriag Pole and one Cheap Pole. One high grade set of Double Harness, Collars and Hames. This set of harness was made to order and has never been used but three times except the collars, hames and traces and they used but little; 1 set of Double Breast Strap Harness, in fair condition; 1 set of Single Harness of extra quality, russet lines, used only about a dozen times; 1 set of Single harness, in fair condition; lots of odds and ends usually found about a stable.

Special

One Buffalo Robe, 6 ft square, heavily lined. This is the heaviest robe I have ever seen and is in first class condition. Be prepared to bid high for this robe.

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One Bissius Piano, in the very best of condition, has never been out of the room into which the Bissius firm delivered it See it. One Solid Oak Dining room set, of Sideboard, large Table and 8 strong Chairs. One Spear Range, in excellent condition, a fine baker; 1 Bodied Brussels Dining room Rug. 9x12 ft. 1 Library Axminster Rug, 12x14 ft.; 2 Bed-room Rugs, 1 Bedroom Axminster Carpet, several smaller Rugs, all in good condition; several Rocking Chairs, several Chairs of various styles; several Tables, 5 Porch Rockers, Kitchen Tables and Chairs and various other articles.

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On all sums of $25.00 and under, Cash; all sums over $25.00 a credit of Nine (9) Months will be given by the purchaser giving a bankable note with approved security, interest added from day of sale. No goods to be removed until conditions of sale are complided with.

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NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS
—OF—
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The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1911 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART,

IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
EVERY SATURDAY,
During JANUARY, 1912,
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY. SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

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A magnificent Scotch drama suggested by the world-wide poem and song by "Bobbie" Burns.

Monday Evening, January 15th.—"THE BATTLE" Biograph
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Thursday Evening, January 18th.—Pathe's Original and world renowned.
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Owing to the expense of procuring this great production the prices of admission for this exhibition will be 15 cents for adults and 10 cents for children under 12 years. This picture will be exhibited from 7 P. M. until 11 P. M. Come early.

Monday Evening, January 22d.—"DAMON AND PYTHIAS"
In 2 Reels Selig
This story is too well known to need any comment. If you have not read the story, be sure to read it, and then come and see this fine picture.

Monday Evening, January 29th.—"ARRAH-NA-POGUE"
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OUR ANNUAL JANUARY CLEARING SALE

Will be the Greatest Money-Saving Chance of the year.

WE are just starting our END OF THE MONTH Clearance Sale. Our large general clearing out of Holiday Goods, together with other Special Bargains added thereto make this a rare opportunity to get many things at bargain prices. January being our big sale month for winter goods, and our motto, moreover, being "Never to carry any goods over from one season to another," we must begin NOW to move these goods, and since the usual winter has as yet not shown up, we are forced to offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS to buyers to take these winter goods off our hands. The mild winter is therefore money in your pockets.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits

Ladies' and Misses' Coat Suits for winter and spring wear, made of strictly all-wool materials, man tailored, all in the latest Fall and Winter styles at SPECIAL REDUCED PRICES. We are grouping together in 3 lots our entire stock of these coat suits as follows:

Lot No. 1, $12 and $10 Suits..... **$8.50**
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" " 3, $18 and $20 Suits..... **$15.00**

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All our Black and Blue Serge Coats are made of strictly all-wool serge, full length, nicely tailored and lined throughout with Belding, 1 yard wide guaranteed satin The maker's guarantee for the lining goes with each garment. These coats were never before sold for less than $15.00 and they were good values at that figure. Our CLEARANCE SALE Price **$12.00.** All our Polo Coats and Caracul Coats have been reduced from ⅓ to ½.

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In various styles and colors, made of materials we can guarantee and back up our guarantee. Sizes from 2 to 14 years. Prices from **$1.98 to $6.00**

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We have a small lot of Children's Rain Capes made of thorough waterproof materials—different colors and sizes included in this lot—a good value at $3 50. Now going for **$1.75.**

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Every piece of Fur in our store, whether neck piece or muff, is reduced ⅓ from the original price.

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About 25 skirts in this lot, of all colors—made of all-wool materials. These Misses' Skirts are made of remnants left after the manufacturers have made up their stock of Ladies' Skirts and are therefore offered for 1-2 of their real value. In length they range from 30 to 36 inches. Your choice for **$1.50.**

Men's Suits

Made up of beautiful worsted mixtures, well tailored and guaranteed to fit perfectly. There are about 100 suits in this lot of $18.00 values, now offered at $10 00 each while they last. If you want one of these bargains you must act quick.

Miscellaneous Articles

We also make special reductions for this Sale, in Shoes, Underwear, Sweaters, Flannel Goods, Gloves, Quilts and Blankets and various other Odds and Ends left over from the Holiday rush which will be closed out far BELOW COST PRICE.

Our Household Furnishing Sale

Started last week, took from the very first, and most of these bargains are sold, although a few yet remain. They too will go quickly. If you wish any of them, act at once.

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Going North—7.25 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 4.05 p.m, p. m. and 8 p. m.
Going South—8.00 a.m., 4.15 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—7.50 a. m., 8.30 a m., 11.30 a. m., 5.0 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton and Earlville 9.20 a. m. and 4.45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JAN. 6, 1912

LOCAL NEWS

Wagons and Dearborns for sale.
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FOR SALE—A few choice White Rock Cockerels. Apply to
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HORSES CLIPPED—I wish to inform the public that I am prepared to clip horses in an up-to-date manner on short notice. J. Z. CROSSLAND,
Middletown Hotel Stables,

After October first, the library hours will be:—Tuesdays, 3 30 to 5; Fridays, 7 to 8.30; Saturdays 3 to 5. The library will be open on Tuesday evenings for school children exclusively.

FOR SALE—Locust, Chestnut, White Oak and Cedar fence posts. Also shed, hitching and gate posts. Fire wood by the load. M. MARSHALL,
Fieldsboro, Del.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remains unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Dec. 28th Mrs. Katie Brown, Miss Maggie Brown Mrs. Annie Chambers, Mrs. Jane Truitt, Mr. C. Barrett, Herman Carter, W. E. Jones, Mr. Sakatsume.

The following ladies and gentlemen attended the Cecilton Dance on Thursday evening: Misses Edith Ginn, Mary Beasten, Frances Simmons, Viola Weber, Lulu Vinyard, and Lena Weber. Messrs. Ringgold Richards, William Kirk, Julin Kirk, Comegys Causden, Samuel Buckworth, Harry Vinyard.

A pleasant session of the New Century Club was held on Tuesday afternoon. After a long lengthy business meeting the program was in charge of Mrs. Clarence E. Pool. Mrs. Pool gave a number of current events; Miss Whiteman, of Wilmington read a very good article concerning the Dupont road; Miss Nellie Janvier gave a recitation and Miss Elizabeth Collins gave delightful piano music.

Following their annual custom of clearing out all goods of the previous year, thus keeping unbroken their maxim "No goods carried over the year" Fogel & Burston announce in their ad. in this week's TRANSCRIPT a number of interesting bargains of various kinds which it will pay their patrons to look into. They also mean to keep this up, with succeeding bargains till the old left overs are all gone Watch their ad. there's money in it.

At a meeting of Queen Esther Circle of Bethesda M. E. Church, the following officers were elected, President, Mrs. Emma C. Brockson; Vice President, Miss Lulu Vinyard; Recording Secretary, Miss Lillian Melvin; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lottie Jolls; Treasurer, Miss Edna Banning. At the conclusion of the business program, a social time was spent, games played and music furnished. A christmas tree was shown on which were gifts for the members of the Circle from the president.

A Charming Surprise Party

It was a uniquely delightful social affair the surprise tendered Miss Ada L Lockwood by some two dozen of her friends who "dropped in" upon her quite unannounced on Saturday evening, and spent a pleasant evening in the cosy little home which she has recently made for herself.

The surprise was heightened when Mr M. B. Burris in a neat, humorous speech presented Miss Lockwood with a set of solid silver teaspoons, on behalf of those present.

Everybody had a good time, and it was by common consent, voted a very great success. Refreshments were served.

The following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. George V. Peverley, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Burris, Mrs. J. B. Foard, Mrs. John C. Green, Mrs. W. T. Connellee, Mrs. G. W. Lockwood, Misses Marie and Blanche Lockwood, Miss Elizabeth Gibbs, Miss Ida V. Howell, Mrs. Mary Gibbs, Mrs. Richard Lockwood, Mrs. Ida Lindley, Miss Charlotte Peverley, Miss Fanny Shepherd, and Mr. W. E. Wright, of Middletown; Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, of Hadden Heights, N. J.

Sunday School Officers Elected

At the annual meeting of the teachers and officers of Forest Presbyterian Sunday School, the following officers were elected: Superintendent, J. Fletcher Deakyne; Assistant Superintendent, no election; Secretary, John J. Hoffecker, Jr.; Treasurer, George D. Kelley; Superintendent of Button System, Frank H Tyson; Pianist, Miss Blanche Deakyne; Organist, Miss Jennie Gallagher; Superintendent Primary Department, Miss Eugenia Beasten; Assistant, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker; Organist, Hrs. Howard A. Pool. Miss Mary Beasten was elected teacher of the Young Ladies' Bible Class. It was decided to buy a number of new hymn books for the larger room. The Primary Department has just purchased new singing books suitable for small children.

A FINE NEW YEAR'S DANCE

The young men of Middletown, through their committee, Messrs. J. Ringgold Richards, William Kirk, Elwood Banning, J. W. Beasten, Delbert Gallagher and Julius Kirk, gave a dance on Tuesday evening in the Town Hall.

The Hall was very prettily trimmed with long festoons of evergreen gracefully pendant from the high ceiling, each loop bearing at the bottom a large crimson Xmas bell; the electric globes were shrouded in variously colored crepe paper and the gallery and entrance also decorated.

Some two dozen numbers, with four extras, two-steps, waltzes, etc., enlivened by the music of five performers composing the First Infantry Orchestra, of Wilmington, kept the tripping feet of the young dancers agreeably busy till well past the midnight hour.

Refreshments were served during the intermission. The following ladies and gentlemen were present:

Mrs. J. W. Beasten, Misses Mary Richards, Ada Scott, Mary Beasten, Bertha Jones, Lulu Vinyard, Lola Ingram, Marian Vinyard, Helen Jones, Edith Ginn, Mrs. Mary Ginn and Messrs. Reece Darlington, Elwood Banning, Norman Kampel, Delbert Gallagher, Philip Vinyard, William Beasten, William Kirk, Ringgold Richards, Julius Kirk, Dawson Wilcutts, all from Middletown; Misses Grace and Reba Burris, of Cecilton; Misses Margaret Roelms, Etta Jones, Nellie Anderson and Messrs Harry Jones, Clarence Gears, William Garner, Henry Gears, Mr. Sapp and Mr. Robinson, of Smyrna; Mr. Asra Moore, of Port Penn; Miss Beulah Israell and Mrs. Emma Loveless, of Chesapeake City; Miss Cora Jones, of Wilmington; Messrs. Harold F. Pauley and John Boulden; of Cecilton.

The gallery contained many spectators and a number of lady visitors occupied the floor to witness the dancing.

A YOUNG MEN'S GLEE CLUB

The ladies of the New Century Club have very generously voted to give the use of their Hall with all of its appointments, light, heat, and piano, to a young Men's Glee Club, if such shall be formed as is expected.

THE TRANSCRIPT is requested to announce that the services of Mrs. J. D. Niles of Townsend, who is a skilled, and educated vocalist, have been secured and any young man can have all the advantages of her teachings by the payment of a mere nominal sum. If the class is as large as it ought to be this charge will not exceed 25 cents for one evening each week—certainly a mere trifle for the privilege of acquiring so pleasant and valuable an accomplishment as that of using the voice correctly in singing.

We know that there are quite a number of fine voices among our young men, and they owe it to themselves and to their friends to cultivate their agreeable musical talents.

It will entertain and benefit them in many ways to educate and develop their musical tastes and powers, and may also prove a source of revenue to some of them in the future.

Mr. M. B. Burris wishes all the young men who are favorable to the project and who desire to accept this liberal offer, to give their names to her at once. Any further information may be had by applying to her.

THE TRANSCRIPT cannot too heartily commend this admirable move, and trusts that the young men of Middletown will generally avail themselves of this excellent chance to learn to sing, which is not only an agreeable accomplishment, but also a very healthful exercise, and one which will tend to keep any young man out of bad company.

THE LEAP YEAR DANCE

Some of the ladies of Middletown gave a Leap Year Dance in the New Century Club room on Monday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. J. Fletcher Deakyne, Mrs. Harry S Beasten and Mrs. Frank J. Pennington.

Music was furnished on the piano by Miss Lena Pearsanton. Refreshments of cake, ice cream and coffee were served.

Among those who enjoyed the dance were Miss Arrelee Lattomus, Miss Ethelwyn Maloney, Miss Lillian Hart, Mr Raleigh, and Mr. Hart Scott of Townsend; Miss Elizabeth Wood, William Wood and Maulk Davis of Odessa; Miss May Griffith Miss Frances Johnson, John Ernest, Otis Davis, and Joseph Gibbons, of Sassafras Md: Mrs. James E. Woodall. Miss Marion Woodall of Georgetown, Md, Miss Anna Scott and Isaac Gibbs of Chestertown Md; Ward Beaston and Joseph Schaefer of Chesapeake City, Md; Houston Naudain of Baltimore; Mr and Mrs W. Lee Pennington, Misses Laura Connolee, Elizabeth Gibbs, Helen McDowell, Madeline Pennington, Estelle Beaston, Blanche Deakyne, Lenora Davis, Marv Nowland, Elma Deakyne, Charlotte Peverley, Mary Pleasanton, Maude Deakyne, Clarence George, Benjamin Gibbs, Woodal Cochran Wallace Daniels, Irving Roberts, Taylor Barnett, Harold Wilson, Ephraim Jolls, Albert Donovan and Kendall McDowell, of Middletown.

Entertainment and Treat

The Christmas entertainment and treat of Forest Presbyterian Sunday School, given on Friday evening of last week, was a very pleasant affair. A program was given as follows:—Several songs by the school; Recitation by Tommy and Anna Boulden; Two piano solos by John Cochran Pool; Recitation by Elizabeth Clayton; Piano solo by Letitia Pool; Recitations by Dorothy Taylor; Duett, soprano and alto, by Letitia and John Pool; Recitations by Walter Beasten and Clayton Draper. Each child was given a box of candy. Mr. Tomkey, the candy manufacturer of this town, presented the school with about two dozen boxes of candy.

Week of Prayer

The Week of Prayer, beginning on tomorrow, (Sunday) January 7th, will be observed by the Forest Presbyterian Church, and services will be held on every evening of next week, except Saturday evening. The following are the topics for each evening: Monday, January 8th, "Personal Faithfulness"; Tuesday, "The Church of Christ"; Wednesday, Foreign Missions; Thursday, Home Missions; Friday, "The Home", "The School", "Interests National and International". A cordial invitation is extended to all.

OUR FRIENDS AND VISITORS

Personal Items About People You See and Know

Mr. Louis Dreka is at Cape Charles Va.

Mrs. Howard A. Pool spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Blanche Deakyne spent last Saturday in Philadelphia.

Messrs. Williams and Scott, of Selbyville, spent Friday with Mr. J. H. Middleton.

Miss Whiteman, of Wilmington, has been the guest of Mrs. Clarence E. Pool, of McDonough.

Miss A. Louise Reynolds, of New York City, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mrs. W. A. Comegys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas Roberts entertained their daughter, Mrs. Ada Robinson part of this week.

Mrs. John B. Cook, of Philadelphia, spent part of this week at the home of her sister, Mrs. Willard B. Biggs.

Miss Madeline Tatman, of Wilmington, was a guest at the home of her father, Mr. Cyrus Tatman, part of this week.

Mrs Edna Courtney and daughter Miss Katie, of West Philadelphia, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Middleton.

Miss Mollie Caldwell, of Port Deposit, Md., is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Vaughan S. Collins, at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller and son, of Dover. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pearce, of Porters, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pearce Sr. recently.

Rev. H. Kay Lord, of Chester, Pa., was a visitor in town on Sunday. Mr. Lord represents the Home for Friendless Children at Trenton, N. J., and made addresses in the churches during the day.

Mrs. Charles Derrickson visited her sister, Miss Warren at Laurel, over last Sunday. On Monday, New Years Day, Mr. and Mrs. Derrickson quietly observed the thirty-second anniversary of their marriage.

KING—CULLUM WEDDING

On the evening of December 27th, at 8 o'clock. Mr. L. Price King of near Warwick, Md. and Miss Beulah Mae Cullum, daughter of Rev. C. M. Cullum of Pittsville, Md. were united in matrimony by the bride's father, in the M. P. Church of that town.

The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Mayme Cullum, as maid of honor, and the groom's best man was Mr. Clarence Cullum of Washington.

The ushers were Mr. Hanson King, twin brother of the groom, Mr. Willis Parker, Mr. Lee Davis, and Mr. Walter Smith, of Pittsville. The bride was gowned in cream silk poplin, with chenille fringe and pearl trimmings and carried white carnations. Her maid's gown was of pink voille, trimmed with net and silk fringe, and she carried pink sweet peas. Before the ceremony Miss Bessie Gunkel of Warwick, the organist of the occasion, gave an organ recital assisted by Dr. Lawrence Freeney, violinst, of Pittsville. Among the musical numbers used were Wedding Fanfare by Decker, Traumerie by Schumann, Canzonetta by Bohn, La Serenata by Tohani, Lohengrie's and Mendelssohns Wedding Marches; Miss Gunkel also sang O Promise Me.

The church was attractive in its decorations of greens and potted plants, arranged by friends, and the presents were numerous and useful. After the ceremony, a reception was given to the relatives of the couple and a few young friends. They will live on a farm near Warwick Md. after January 15th.

EUCHRE AT MRS. BRAGDON'S

The Euchre Club was very pleasantly entertained on Wednesday evening by Mrs J. Gaylord Bragdon at her home on South Broad street. The first club prize was won by Miss May Holten, second by Miss Elizabeth Price, consolation prize by Mrs Frank J. Pennington. The first guests prize was won by Mrs. Frederick Brady and the second by Mrs. Charles Malcolm Cochran.

Among those present were: Mrs. James E. Woodall, Jr., of Georgetown, Md.; Mrs. Richard T. Cann, of Kirkwood; Mrs. Cooper, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Howard A. Pool, of McDonough; Mrs John C. Stites, Mrs. Dorsey W. Lewis, Mrs. Joseph P. Agire, Mrs. Alfred M. Chamberlaine, Mrs. Fred Brady, Mrs. T E. Lindley, Mrs. G. Lindsey Cochran, Mrs. Joseph C. Parker, Jr., Mrs. Alvin Cochran, Mrs. Willard B. Biggs, Mrs. Henry M. Schoeder, Mrs. Charles A. Ritchie, Mrs. C. Malcolm Cochran, Mrs. Harris B. McDowell, Mrs. William T. Connellee, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. George L. Townsend, Mrs. George Janvier, Mrs. Frank J. Pennington, Mrs. George V. Peverley, Misses Patton Cochran, Agnes Cochran, Elizabeth Price, May Beaston, Lydia Cochran, Laura Willits and Helen Myers, of Middletown.

A SOCIAL RECEPTION

On Friday afternoon Mr. John C. Stites gave a reception and bridge whist party to a number of ladies of the town and from a distance. The guests were agreeably entertained and spent several hours in playing bridge whist. Luncheon was served them by their hostess. The following ladies were present:

Miss Marie Lockwood, Miss May Holten Miss Blanche Lockwood, Mrs. A. T. Chamberlaine, Miss Eliza Green, Mrs. Levi J. Sterner, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. Horace B. McDowell, Mrs. J. Allen Johnson, Miss Agnes Cochran, of Middletown; Mrs. Howard Pool, of McDonough; Mrs. Hugh C. Browne, of Wilmington; Mrs. James B. Woodall, of Georgetown, Md.; Mrs. Frederick DeBall, Mrs. Webster Elliott, Mrs. Edgar Lank, Mrs. Herbert Cushing, Mrs. Charles Le Ferne, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Cooper, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Reuben Barnard and Mrs. William Pennewill, of Dover.

Masons Compliment Dr. Ritchie

On Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Union Lodge No. 5. A.F. & A. M., the elegant testimonial of a jeweled masonic watch charm, was presented by the members to Dr. Charles A. Ritchie, a Past Master of the lodge, as a token of their regard.

DR. RITCHIES REMOVAL

The circular letter sent a few days ago by Dr. Charles A. Ritchie to his patients announcing his removal from Middletown, and his purpose later to specialize in Wilmington, was inadvertently so worded as to convey the idea that he purposed to abandon the general practice of medicine. This is not the case, as he will continue to practice his profession as a Homeopathic physician, in Wilmington, but will limit his labors to office work.

His practice in Middletown and in the surrounding country had for years been so large and its demands upon his time and strength so exacting, as literally to leave him not an hour in the day or night he could call his own; and he found himself compelled to seek a relief from the strain of the ordeal.

The expressions of regret so widely heard, and the demonstrations of real sorrow exhibited by many of his patients, present a spectacle truly remarkable—one that is an eloquent tribute to his skill as a physician and also to his unusual devotion and fidelity to the interests of the thousands to whom in the past 17 years he has ministered. A lady in town remarked "I never again expect to find a friend and physician both in one!"

Dr. Ritchie filled a large space in our community as a good citizen among the foremost in promoting the general interests of the town, and his departure will prove a loss to the town in many ways. THE TRANSCRIPT while heartily speeding the departing guest, welcomes the coming one, his successor Dr. Beale.

OBITUARY

JOHN ROBERT CARPENTER

Mr. John Robert Carpenter died at the home of his son James H. Carpenter living near here, on Saturday morning last, of general debility. He was 93 years of age on the second day of last October.

Mr. Carpenter was born in Sussex County and has lived in this state most of his life. For the past four years he has made his home with his son, James Carpenter at whose home he died. Mr. Carpenter's wife died about eleven years. ago.

Mr. Carpenter leaves nine children; Mrs. Lizzie Fountain, Miss Hester Carpenter, George B. Carpenter, Mrs. Mary Houghten, Mrs. Jennie Ross, all of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sallie Lyons, Mrs. Warren of Wilmington; John R. Carpenter of Odessa; James H. Carpenter of Middletown. The funeral services were held on Monday morning at eleven o'clock at Mr. Carpenter's home with interment in the Townsend Cemetery. Rev. Vaughan S. Collins of Bethesda M. E. Church this town, had charge of the services and the pall-bearers were two sons, two grandsons and two sons-in-law of the deceased.

WON A GOLD WATCH

Young J. Allee Hall, the son of James P. Hall, a lad of 11 years, has just received as a Christmas present, a handsome 19 jeweled, 14 caret gold watch of the first class movement the "Riverside" made by the Waltham watch company.

The inner side of the back case bears the following engraven inscription, "Presented to J. Allee Hall by Cyrus Curtis, President of the Curtis Publishing Company." The outer side of the inner case has these words "For unusual service rendered the Saturday Evening Post as its representative." The back of the case bears the monagram of his name "J. A. H."

The young lad, who is one of our foremost academy schoolboys, always on the Roll of Honor, won this complimentary trophy—the only one given in the state—by his diligent work during out of school hours—a circumstance that enhances the credit of the performance, a contest that lasted for 30 weeks.

A BIG LEMON

Bestowing "a lemon" is not a sweet thing to do, in popular estimation; but if you do the like let it be on the big scale shown by Miss Irma Postles of Lincoln City who gave Mr. Minors Banning a monster specimen weighing 1¼ pound and measuring 12 inches around one way and 14½ the other. This lemon, which by the way is the smaller one of several, has a thin, fine skin, and some that were used had a delicious juice. The tree upon which they grew was not over 3 feet high, and had originally over a dozen lemons on it.

If any of our friends would like to make the editor of THE TRANSCRIPT a present of a "lemon" of this sort, fetch 'em on.

Not Too Encouraging

According to the Philadelphia Record, shoes will cost 50 cents more a pair next autumn, wholesale and retail. If contemplated advances are made the public must pay $4.50 for footwear which cost $1 less in the autumn of 1909.

Manufacturers profess to be unable to forsee when there will be a reduction, or when prices will stop going up. They are explaining the situation in catalogues sent out for the autumn and winter of 1912 to distributers.

Removal of the duty on hides by the Payne-Aldrich tariff law did not cheapen them, it is explained and the price of leather has advanced steadily.

Miss Willits Entertained

Miss Laura E. Willits entertained a few of her friends at Bridge Whist on Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. Those present were.

Mrs. Geo. L. Townsend Jr., Mrs. W B. Biggs, Mrs. G. L. Cochran, Mrs. Cooper, Mrs. J. C. Stites, Mrs. Oscar Goodhand. The Misses Paxsons, The Misses Marie and Blanche Lockwood, Miss Eliza C. Green, Miss Lydia Cochran. The first prize was won by Mrs. Marie Lockwood, 2nd by Mrs. Townsend and 3rd by Miss Green.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 2	$ .90	Corn—	
No. 1		Yellow, shelled	60
Timothy Seed	8.50	" cob	56
Clover Seed	10.30	Oats	60

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE

Eggs, per doz	28@32
Country Butter, per lb	35@42
Creamery Butter, per lb	49
Lard, per lb	10@14
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	72

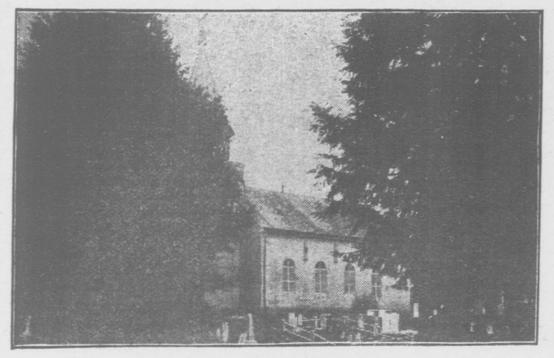
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH DESTROYED BY FIRE

At 8 o'clock on Monday morning a fire broke out in the interior of St Francis Xavier R. C. Church of which Rev. Charles A. Crowley is pastor, and who is also the pastor of the R. C Church here.

Father Crowley at once dismissed his congregation and hastened to the fire but on his arrival he found the entire church gutted and the fire fighters at work on the parochial residence, which adjoins the church.

The residence was saved, but was seriously damaged on one side. Several persons suffered from the heat and smoke in their efforts to save the residence when they found nothing could be done to save the church building.

Thomas D. Dorsey and John J. Dorsey on whose farm the buildings are located, have charge of the church and buildings and their hired man was looking after the building of a fire in the heater, when the fire broke out from an overheated flue. A wind was blowing and in a short time the flames had spread to all parts of the building. The floors gave way and the entire roof soon fell in and nothing is left but the walls.



ST. FRANCIS R. C. CHURCH

All of the altar vestments and chalices were saved, but little else. The church is of brick, two stories in height, and is one of the oldest on the Peninsula, being about 225 years old.

The church was overhauled last year at a cost of several thousand dollars. The church has about 125 parishioners and a large Sunday school charge.

THE TRANSCRIPT shares the sympathetic regrets widely expressed over the loss of this venerable historical edifice, which was not only a sacred memento of the earlier days, but also a Church of God endeared to many in our town and vicinity by associations and memories of the most sacred character.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The church lately burned was the last of three buildings established there by the Jesuit Fathers as early as 1684. The first is said to have been but a log-house—the premises then being covered by woods. Afterwards a larger frame church was built—which was burned—and the one just destroyed was built to take its place, and history tells us that it was not yet completed in 1795, but services have always been held since the starting of this mission.

The records of this mission have been incomplete until a few years ago, when deeds of land bearing date 1684 came into the possession of one of the members of this congregation who afterward gave them into the keeping of one of the Historical Societies of the Church.

In Cecil county, Md., about a mile from the village of Warwick, stands the ancient Catholic Church of St. Francis Xavier, the first mission of the Jesuilts on the Eastern shore of Maryland.

The annals of the society show that the mission near the head of the Bohemia river, and which is itself almost generally called "Bohemia," was founded by Rev. Thomas Mansell, about 1704.

The fact that his name is mentioned in the records of the society as Mr. Mansell merely gives color to the belief that there was a desire to conceal the sacred character of the enterprise, owing to the persecution of the Jesuilts at the time in Maryland as well as in England.

Father Mansell remained in charge of the mission until 1721. Little is known of his history. It is even uncertain whether he died there or not. If he be buried at Bohemia, his grave remains unmarked by cross or stone. The early history of the mission is somewhat obscure, owing to the loss of a portion of the records, but Father Mansell was probably succeeded by Father Peter Atwood, who added to the possessions of the Jesuits by the purchase of another tract of land.

From time to time the possessions of the order have been increased until it now owns five farms in Cecil county, kept always in the highest state of cultivation.

Father Thomas Fulton was at Bohemia from 1742 to 1748. It was in his time that a school was opened which was attended by the sons of the colonists.

John Carroll, afterwards Archbishop of Baltimore, and founder of Georgetown College, attended the school while it was yet in its infancy.

It is believed that Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, was a pupil there at the time. It is not known how long this school existed but it is considered the germ from which sprang Georgetown College. Its prosperous condition excited the jealousy of the members of the Established Church, who tried by every means in their power to destroy the work which zealous care had wrought.

Through the efforts of one of these ministers a commission was called to inquire into the affairs of the Jesuits of the colony and to investigate the right by which they held their land.

In 1756 the Protestants petitioned the legislature of the colonies to take stringent measures against the Jesuits, but nothing came of these efforts. In spite of this great opposition, the school flourished until it was superseded by its great successor Georgetown.

The bricks from the walls of the old school were employed in building the rectory in 1825.

Rev. Joseph Greaton was probably stationed at Bohemia in 1749 for the records show that he died there in that year.

He was succeeded by Rev. John Lewis, who was in turn succeeded by Rev. Peter Mosley.

Father Mosley during the twenty-seven years of his charge, traveled extensively over the Eastern and Western shores, baptizing many persons and making members converts, among them some of the old Quaker families.

My earliest recollection of Father George Villager, who was pastor at St. Francis for twenty five years. He was a most zealous worker and did much for the spiritual advancement of his flock and for the improvement of the church.

He was greatly beloved by not only his congregation but by the Protestants of the county, who speak of him to this day with words of love and reverence.

CECILTON

Miss Mary Bowers is visiting relatives and friends in Kirkwood.

Mrs. Laura Roberts, of Town Point, is visiting Mrs. R. A. Snyder.

Miss Janie Smith is the guest her sister Mrs. James Atwell, of near Worton.

Mr. William Boulden, of near Middletown, visited Mr. Robert Snyder on Tuesday.

Miss Mollie McCoy spent a few days this week with relatives and friends in Elkton.

Mrs. Thomas P. Jores has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Benson in Philadelphia.

Miss Louise Glenn, of near Chestertown, is the guest of her friend Miss Mary Blackway.

Mr. A. W. Jones, of near Massey, visited his sister Mrs. J. P. McCoy, one day last week.

Mr. Earl B. Curry, of Collingswood, N. J., is visiting his cousin, Miss Katherine Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peirce, of near Sassafras, visited relatives in town one day this week.

Miss Annie Price, of near Elkton, was the guest of Mrs. A. E. Darby, of near town last week.

Miss Annie Richards, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime with her sister Miss M. E. Richards.

Mr. John McIntyre, of Middletown, visited his sister Mrs. Emma Pearce on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Watts and son, Edgar have been visiting relatives and friends in Townsend, Del.

Mr. and Mrs. William Weed, of Philadelphia have moved in Mr. George Richard's house on Main street.

Mrs. George Beaston, Mrs. R. J. Smith, and Miss Gertrude Hoover visited Mrs. L. B. Manlove on Tuesday.

Miss Katherine Wilson entertained a few friends on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings in honor of her guest.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Bond, of near Port Deposit, have been visiting their parents Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cruikshank, of near town.

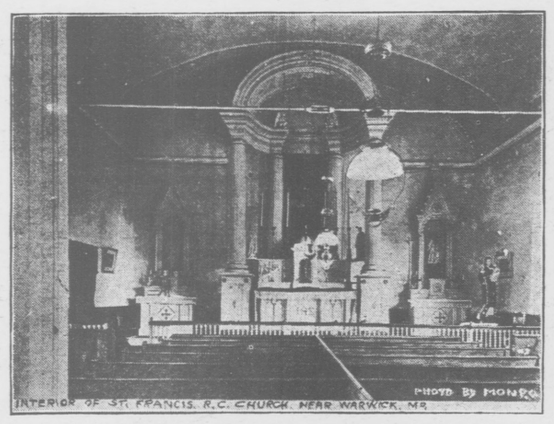
Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, Mrs. William Howard, and Miss M. E. Ferguson, of Chesapeake City, visited Mrs. Thomas Pierce on Wednesday.

Services will be held in the Chapel here on Sunday mornings, during the winter, until further notice at 11 o'clock and Sunday school at 10 o'clock.

Offers Own Money

An exchange says that Deputy State's Attorney Frank M. Jones, of Sussex county became so incensed over the amount of drinking in town Saturday night that he openly offered $100 of his own money for a conviction of selling liquor, and promises to press every case brought to his attention until the men caught are placed behind the bars.

He intends to keep Georgetown from the hands of the "blind tiger."



INTERIOR OF ST. FRANCIS R.C. CHURCH. NEAR WARWICK, MD.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Monday, February 26, 1912—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by P. S. Daniels, on the "Barr Farm," on the road from Dogtown to Warwick, D. P. Hutchinson, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, January 31st, 1912. ublic sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William Green, on his farm near Old St. Annes Church. D. P. Hutchinson, Auctioneer.

Thursday, February 8th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Thomas Lattomus, on the "Heath Range" Farm, on the road leading from the Levels School House to Cold well. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Monday, February 12th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc. by C. M. Cochran, on the Maple Grove Farm, two miles South of Middletown. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 13th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, household goods, etc., by Eugene C. McCoy on the "William Cochran Farm" on the road leading from Middletown to Odessa. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 14, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farming implements household goods etc., by R. George Buckworth on the "Levi Bird Farm" about 1½ miles West of Summit Bridge. Eugene Racine Auctioneer.

Thursday, February 15 h, 1912—Public sale of stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., of the late Walter T. Heavellow, at his late residence on the Levels, by Miss Laura H avellow, administratrix, and Harvey Smith, administrator. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Friday, February 16, 1912—Sale on home farm near Odessa 10 horses and colts, 25 milk cows, 20 hogs, and some farming implements by George L. Townsend D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 20.h, 1912—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c, by George W. Sartin, on road leading from Summit Bridge to Chesapeake City, Md. D. P. Hutchison, Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1912—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Jos. C. Hutchison on the road leading from Blackbird Station to Record's Mill. D. P. Hutchison Auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 21st, 1912.—Public sale of 230 acre farm, 16 horses and colts, 2 Jacks, 2 Jennies, 25 head of cattle, hogs, shoats and farm implements, by Geo. W. Padley, owner, on road to Cecilton, Md.

Friday, Februarv, 23d, 1912—Public sale of stock and farming implements by Charles H. Salmon, on the "Millwood Farm" near Summit Bridge.

Thursday, February 22d, 1912.—Public sale of stock farm implements, &c., by Chas. T. Deakyne, on the "G. F. Brady farm," at Middletown. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 27th, 1912—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by William M. Rhoades, on Dr. Stites' farm, on the road from Murphy's Mill to Pivot Bridge. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Wednesday, Februarv 28th, 1912—Public sale of stock and farming implements, etc., by Boyd McCoy, one mile east of Summit Bridge.

Wednesday, February 28th, 1912.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, &c., by Joseph H. Denny, on the Z A. Pool farm, on the Dutch Neck road leading to Delaware City.

Wednesday, March 6th, 1912.—Annual Public Sale of Horses and Mules, by W. A. Collins, in Smyrna. Usual free dinner to all D. P. Hutchison auctioneer.

Tuesday, March 5th 1912—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc, by William A. Lee, on the C. M. Cochran Farm. D. P. Hutchison, auctioneer.

Administratrix Sale
—OF—
PERSONAL PROPERTY

The undersigned will sell at Public Vendue, on

THURSDAY, JAN. 18, 1912
AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.

At the Lumber Yard of the late Gideon E. Hukill, on Railroad Avenue, in Middletown, Delaware, the following described Personal Property, to-wit:

The lumber, coal and lime business, late of the said Gideon E. Hukill deceased, with his entire stock of lumber, building material and coal. A large fire proof safe, office desks and furniture, platform and counter scales, a lot of canvas coal sacks, shovels, pinch bars, coal shutes, coal screens, 2 coal carts, 2 lumber wagons, 2 sets of cart harness, 2 sets of wagon harness, 2 cart horses, an entire outfit for making concrete bricks, 1 family carriage, 1 york carriage, 1 Dayton, 1 set of double carriage harness, 1 set of coach harness, 1 set of single carriage harness, 1 carriage robe, 1 family driving horse and a lot of horse blankets, dusters and carriage robes, tools and impliments too numerous to mention. And at the same time, pursuant to an order of the Orphan's Court of the State of Delaware, in and for New Castle County, will be sold the land on which the major part of said business is conducted, having a front of 133 feet on said Railroad Avenue, and extending back between parallel lines two hundred and twenty-five feet to Scott Street, having thereon erected an office building, coal bins, lumber sheds, scales, a rail road switch and other improvements.

This business is the creation of about forty years of growth and development, and the sale of it affords an unusual opportunity for those desiring to become engaged in like pursuit.

The undersigned will attend the sale either in person or by her counsel,

Martin B. Burris Esq., and will then make known the terms of sale.

MARGARET W. HUKILL,
Admin'trix of Gideon E. Hukill, deceased.

ESTATE OF MARTHA B. CLEAVER, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that letters of Administration upon the estate of Martha B. Cleaver, late of St. Georges Hundred, deceased, were duly granted unto John A. Cleaver, on the 2d day of January, A. D., 1912, and all persons indebted to the said deceased are requested to make payment to the Administrator without delay, and all persons having demands against the deceased are required to exhibit and present the same duly probated to the said Administrator, on or before the 2d day of January, A. D., 1913, or abide by the law in this behalf.

JOHN A. CLEAVER, Administrator
Address: John A. Cleaver, Middletown Del., or his Attorney, John H. Rodney, Esq., Attorney-at-Law, Wilmington, Del

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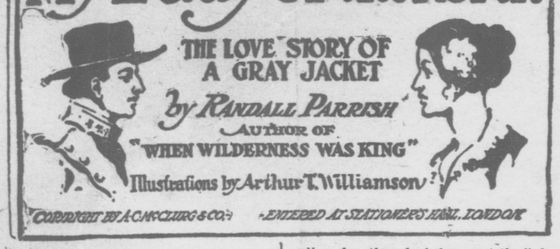
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CHAPTER XXVI.

The Scouting Detail.

This premeditated insult, which Brennan evidently dispatched broadcast in hope that through some unknown channel it might reach me, changed my entire relationship with the man. I have never felt that Brennan was at heart a bad man; he was hard, stern, revengeful, yet I have no doubt under different circumstances I might even have valued him highly as a comrade or a friend. There is no demon like jealousy; and his early distrust of me, fostered by that mad disease had apparently warped his entire nature. Yet not even for love could I consent to leave my honor undefended, and after those hateful words there could be no rest for me until our differences were settled by the stern arbitrament of the naked blade. All prudence to the winds, no opportunity of meeting him should now to be cast aside.

The coming day was barely gray in the east when I was awakened by a heavy pounding upon the door. A smart-looking orderly stood without.

"Captain Wayne?" he asked.

"That is my name. What have you, my man?"

"Compliments of Colonel Maitland, chief of staff, sir," he said, handing me a folded paper.

"Dear Wayne:" the private note read, "Believing you would be glad to have the detail I have just arranged to send you at once upon some active service. Please report at these quarters immediately, fully equipped for the field."

Glad! It was the very medicine I most needed, and within twenty minutes of my receipt of this communication I was with Maitland, thanking him warmly for his thoughfulness.

"Not another word, Wayne," he insisted. "It is not much, a mere scouting detail over neutral territory, and will prove dull enough. I only hope it may help to divert your mind a trifle. Now listen—you are to proceed with twenty mounted men of the escort west as far as the foot-hills, and are expected to note carefully three things: First, the condition of forage for the sustenance of a wagon train; second, what forces of Federal troops, if any, are along the Honeywell; and third, the gathering of all information obtainable as to the reported consolidation of guerillas for purposes of plunder between the lines. If time suffice, you might cross over into the valley of the Cowskin and learn the condition of forage there as well. A guide will accompany your party, and you are to avoid contact with the enemy as far as possible. Your men carry five days' rations. You understand fully?"

"I do, sir; I presume I am to start at once?"

"Your squad, under command of Sergeant Ebers, is already waiting outside."

"Are you all ready, sergeant?" I asked of the rather heavy-weight German who stood fronting me, his broad, red face as impassive as though carved from stone.

"Ye vos, captain."

"Where is the guide?"

"Dot is him, mit der mule, ain't it?" he answered, pointing with one huge hand down the road.

"Very well, we will pick him up then as we go."

I cared so little as to whether or not he accompanied us at all, that we had advanced some distance before the thought of him again occurred to me. I knew the gentry fairly well, and had experienced in the past so many evidences of their stupidity, if not actual disloyalty, as to prefer my own knowledge of the country to theirs. My thought, indeed, for several miles was not at all with the little party of troopers jogging steadily at my heels, nor, in truth, was it greatly concerned with the fate of the expedition. That was but service routine, and I rode forward carelessly enough, never dreaming that every hour of progress was bearing me toward the most important adventure of my life. It was the German sergeant who recalled me to the responsibilities of command.

"Captain," he exclaimed apologetically, riding up to my side and wiping his round, perspiring face with great energy, "ve are riding too hard, ain't ve? Mein Gott, but der horses will give out ontirely, already."

"Is that so?" I asked in surprise at his words. A single swift glance around convinced me he was correct, for the mounts were exceedingly soft, and already looked nearly played out from our sharp pace. "Very well, we will halt here."

With a sigh of relief he drew back, and as he did so my eyes fell for the first time upon the guide. As I live, it was Jed Bungay, and when I stared at him in sudden amazement he broke into a broad grin.

"Durn if I didn't begin ter think as how ye'd gone an' clar fergot me, Cap."

"Not a bit of it, Jed," and I rode up to him and extended my hand. "But how came you here? Are you the guide?"

"Sure thing, cap; know this yere kintry like a buk. 'Jaded horsemen from the west, at evening to the castle pressed.' By gum, you put Beelzebub an' me through a blamed hard jolt of it so fur."

"Beelzebub?"

"Ye bet, ther mule; I reckon as how ye ain't gone an' fergot him, hev ye?"

"Bungay, what has become of Maria?"

The little man's eyes suddenly filled with tears.

"I jist don't know, cap," he answered mournfully. "Whin I got hum ther ol' cabin hed bin plum burnt down, ivry stick o' it left, by gum! an' Maria she wuz clean gone. Hain't seed neither hide ner hair o' her since, thet's a fac'. An' I sorter drifted back ter you uns 'cause I didn't hev nowhar else ter go."

"Did you hunt for her among the old plantations along the valley?" I asked, deeply touched by his evident feeling. "She very likely sought refuge in some of those houses."

He looked at me in surprise. "I reckon, cap, as how ye don't know much 'bout whut's a goin' on in ther valley fer ther las' few months," he said soberly, rubbing down his mule as he spoke. "Tell ye what, thar jist hain't no plantation houses left thar now, thet's a fac', leastwise not north-o' ther lines we uns sorter hol' onto yit. Sheridan he played hell with his cavalry raids, an' whut the blue-bellies left ther durned guerillas an' bushwhackers wiped up es clean es a slate. Durn if a crow wudn't starve ter death in ther valley now. Why, cap, them thar deserters an' sich truck is organized now till they're mighty nigh an army, an' they don't skeer fer nuthin' les' ner a reg'ment. I see more ner a hundred an' fifty in one bunch up on ther White Briar two week ago, an' they're worse ner a parcel er pirates. I reckon as how they got Mariar, but I'll bet she giv 'em a hot ol' time afore she done quit."

Rumors of this state of affairs to the north and west of our defending lines had already reached me—indeed, the verification had formed part of my instructions; but Bungay's homely yet graphic description made the situation appear terribly real, and my thought went instantly forth to those I knew who might even then be exposed to this great and unexpected danger.

The very conception of Edith Brennan in such hands as these was agony. I felt I could never rest until assured of her safety, and since my order granted me full authority to prolong my journey, I might ascertain whether or not she yet remained within the valley.

"Jed," I asked, my mind finally settled, "do you know the old Minor plantation?"

"Ol' Jedge Minor's place? Sure; it's up on ther south branch of ther Cowskin."

"Have those fellows got down that far yet?"

"Wal, I reckon not, but durn if I know fer sure, cap."

"How long would it take us to reach there?"

"'Bout two days, I reckon."

I turned and looked at my men in some perplexity. They were scattered along the edge of the road, and only one group had taken the precaution to build a fire. The sergeant lay flat upon his back on a grassy knoll.

"Ebers," I said sternly.

He arose ponderous, and came forward with a decidedly halting gait.

"Vos I sent for?" he asked.

"Yes," I said; "I want you to have the men get their supper at once, as we shall be obliged to ride a good portion of the night. Get the men to their supper. We shall go on in an hour."

How often since have I smiled at the expression upon his solemn round face as he turned ruefully away!

CHAPTER XXVII.

An Embarrassing Situation.

It was well into the third day when we came down into the fertile valley of the Cowskin. It had proven an uneventful ride thus far, for we had met with no adventures and had observed little worthy of consideration from a military standpoint.

While constantly observant of those points regarding which I had been dispatched, my one overmastering thought during all those hours was the possibility of again meeting with Edith Brennan and proving of some assistance to her. Her greeting of me in the Federal hospital had been so sweetly gracious, so marked with tender sympathy, while the memory of her words, and even more of the look which accompanied them, had so remained with me in encouragement that I longed to encounter her again. God knows what I hoped for, for I knew well it must all inevitably end in despair, yet like the moth I must continue to singe my wings until the flame devoured me. Now, however, as we actually drew near to where I supposed she might be, I felt my earlier courage fast deserting me. Nor was I furnished with even the slightest excuse for pressing on; my orders did not positively compel me to proceed, and nothing appeared along the way to lead me to suppose that harm of any kind threatened that peaceful valley. Everything meeting my eyes evidenced that here, at least, was with its attendant horrors had not come. Totally without the beaten track of those great armies which had battled so fiercely for the Shenandoah, it had been traversed only by a few scouting and foraging parties, and so short had been their stay that even the rail fences remained undisturbed to guard the fields, and nowhere did I note outward signs of devastation. It was Virginia as I recalled it in those old days of peace and plenty, before civil strife had sown the land with dead.

What possible excuse, then, had I for going there? In my own heart I knew I had none, or one so poor and selfish I scarcely durst whisper it even to myself; yet I rode steadily on. Impelled by my own weakness, or drawn irresistibly by fate—whichever the real cause I know not—I would at least look upon those walls that had once sheltered her, would learn if possible if she was yet there. Then—well, in the bondage of my passion I hoped for what might happen, as every lover does.

It must have been two o'clock; we had baited our horses, I remember, an hour previous; and the Sergeant had enjoyed his noonday siesta beneath the shade of a great bush bearing purple blossoms. The road we had been traveling since early morning wound in and out among great trees, and crossed and recrossed the little stream called the Cowskin until I almost thought we had lost our way. We met with no one in all the long day's riding, not even a stray negro, and indeed it was some hours since we had passed a house of any kind. Leaving the brook behind us we toiled slowly up a long hill, and at the top Bungay, riding beside me, pointed to the westward.

"Cap," he said, "thar is ther Minor place."

The very sight of it in the distance was a thrill—a great white house placed well back from the road and almost hidden from sight by fine, large trees an old-fashioned, big-roomed house it looked to be, built after the colonial type, a wide veranda upon three sides, with fluted columns to support the overhanging roof.

"Hain't no signs es fer es I kin see of any trouble havin' 'curred thar," Jed said slowly, his shrewd gray eyes roaming over the peaceful scene. "Somebody ter hum tew, fer ther chimley is a smokin'."

Of course, now I was there, the only sensible thing for me to do would have been to ride openly to the front door, and thus learn all I desired. But what man who loves, who is continually swayed by hopes and fears, by strength and weakness, ever does the sensible thing? I had certainly intended doing so at the start, but now my nerve failed me. She was the wife of another. I could not confess I had ventured to come to her in love, nor could I look into those clear, honest, questioning eyes and lie.

"Halt!" I ordered. "Sergeant!"

"I am here, Captain."

"Take your men down into that hollow yonder, and remain there until I return. Better post a sentry on the hill here."

"It vill be done, Captain."

"I shall not, probably, be absent more than an hour, so don't permit the men to stray."

"Dot is it, Captain. I vill be mit dem all over."

I rode down alone into the thick woods at the foot of the hill, and dismounting, tied my horse to a sapling. Then on foot I struck across the fields, my intention being to come in by the way of the negro quarters at the rear, in hope of meeting some one from whom I might inquire relative to the great house and its inmates.

It was a slight upward trend of land I had to traverse, and although the house was a most sightly object and stood upon the very summit of the elevation, yet so surrounded was it with trees, both fruit and ornamental, I was enabled to make but little of its situation until I approached the outbuildings. I met with no one, nor could I perceive any negroes about the slave quarters. Yet the place did not bear the appearance of desertion. There were horses in the stable, a cat was curled up on one of the cabin door steps, and smoke continued to pour in a dull yellow cloud from the kitchen chimney. Altogether there was much in the situation to puzzle ever, and I no longer regretted that I had exercised some caution in my approach.

The orchard, with the remains of a garden, lay between the house and the stable, protected by a low fence of whitened pickets. So far as I could observe, it contained no occupant, and I pushed open the gate and started down a narrow cinder-path which led between two rows of low bushes. To right of me was an extensive grape-arbor, completely covered with vines, the fresh green leaves forming a delightful contrast to the deep blue sky beyond. As I came opposite an opening leading into this arbor I suddenly caught the flutter of drapery and stopped instantly, my heart throbbing like a frightened girl's. It was quite dark beneath the vine shadow, and I could make out no more than that a woman stood there, her back toward me, busied at some task. Possibly she felt my presence, for all at once she glanced around, and upon perceiving me gave vent to a quick exclamation of terror.

"Pardon me," I said hastily, and removing my hat, "but you have nothing to fear."

There was a moment's hesitancy on her part, and I knew I was being scrutinized by a pair of bright eyes.

"Surely," said a familiar voice, "I cannot be mistaken—you are Captain Wayne."

Before I could even answer she stepped forth from her partial concealment and advanced toward me with cordially extended hands. It was Celia Minor.

"Well, of all men!" she cried gayly, her dark eyes smiling a most kindly welcome. "And Edith and I were speaking about you only yesterday. That is, I was, for really I do not recall now that Edith made any remark apropos of the subject. You have no idea, Captain Wayne, what a hero I have made you out to be. It would make you positively vain if I should confess; why, Arthur has actually become so jealous that he has almost forbidden me even to mention your name in his presence. So when I want to talk about you I am compelled to go to Edith. She hasn't power to stop me, you know, but I'm sure I must bore her awfully. And then to think that when you stood there just now, and I saw your gray uniform, I actually thought the guerillas had come. My heart beats so now I can hardly talk. But how pale and haggard you look—is it that horrible wound which troubles you still?"

"I have been discharged from the hospital only a short time," I answered, as she paused to take breath. "Indeed, this is my first military service for several months, yet I am feeling quite strong again. Mrs. Brennan, then, is still with you?"

"Oh, yes; we have been here all winter long. It has been so dull, for really nothing has happened, and the valley is quite devoid of inhabitants—even the negroes have gone hunting freedom. But Major Brennan and Arthur are to be here this afternoon, and sometime tonight we are all of us going away together."

Eager as I was to meet Brennan, I had no desire that we should meet in the presence of his wife. Better, far better, would it be for me to leave at once and without even seeing her.

"You say you are about to depart?" I asked, determined to learn all possible regarding their plans. "Do you go North?"

"Yes, to Baltimore and Washington. The guerillas are becoming so desperate in this neighborhood that we are actually afraid to remain here longer. They attacked the Cuyler plantation, only ten miles from here, two weeks ago, killed old Mr. Cuyler, turned his wife out partially dressed in the middle of the night, looted the house of everything it contained of value, and then set it on fire. You see we have no men folks here, except two negroes, who have clung to us because they were so aged they were afraid to leave—just mamma, Edith, my old nurse, and myself. It seems so lonely, and Major Brennan and Arthur both insist it is no longer safe. So they are coming with a cavalry escort to take us all North. I am sure we shall have a splendid time."

"You have experienced no trouble, then, thus far?"

"Oh, none at all—we have not even been bothered by scouting parties. Oh, I do not mean you; you are no bother. But yesterday there was a horrible man here; he came to the kitchen door, and asked all sorts of impudent questions. Mrs. Bungay actually had to threaten him with a gun before he would leave."

"Is Maria Bungay here, then?"

"Why certainly; do you know her? Isn't she a delightful old dear—just as good as a man."

"Her husband is with my party."

"Jed—really? Why, do you know, Maria has got it into her head that he had run away from her. I should so love to witness their meeting; it would be most interesting. But you must come into the house, Captain Wayne; Edith will be overjoyed to see you again, although you know she is never demonstrative, as I am. It must be awfully nice to be always cool and calm, don't you think?"

Determined that I would not be tempted, I yet hesitated, and my vivacious companion too everything for granted at once.

"Oh, before we go in, won't you do me a favor?" she asked. "But of course you will. I was trying to tie this grapevine into place when you surprised me, but I could not hold on with one hand and tie with the other. See what I mean?" And placing one slender foot upon a slat of the trellis she lifted herself up until she could barely reach the refractory branch. "Now," she said, smiling down upon me, "please just hold me here for a moment until I secure this end."

My hand was scarcely upon her in support when the slender slat snapped

"Do You Not See? This Is Captain Wayne."

beneath her weight. As she fell I caught her with both arms. For a moment she lay, panting and startled on my breast; then, as with a little laugh she disengaged herself from my embrace, we stood there hand in hand and face to face with Edith Brennan.

Shall I ever forget the look within her eyes? How plainly I saw it, although she stood half hidden beneath the shadow of the vines. Amazement, incredulity, scorn were expressed there, yet even as I marked them all became merged into proud unconsciousness. She would have turned away without a word, but my companion stopped her.

"Edith," she cried eagerly, "do you not see? This is Captain Wayne."

She turned toward me and slightly inclined her head.

"I recognized Captain Wayne," was her calm answer, "and regret greatly having intruded upon him. It was entirely unintentional, and I have no desire to remain."

I could not have spoken at that moment to save my life. It fairly stunned me to realize the construction she so plainly placed upon the scene just enacted. Not so the girl at my side. Her cheeks flushed with indignation, and her audacity gave her speech which made matters even worse than before.

"You are exceedingly free with your criticisms, Edith," she exclaimed sharply, as the latter turned her back upon us. "Perhaps it would be as well for you first to ascertain the truth."

"You wholly mistake," was the calm reply. "I have not presumed to criticise. Why should I? It is not a matter which interests me in the least. I presume you have no further objection to my returning to the house?"

She did not so much as deign to look again at either of us, but as she moved slowly out of sight Miss Minor turned and looked into my face with questioning eyes. What she may have read there I know not, but she sank back upon a bench and burst into a merry peal of laughter.

"Isn't it perfectly ridiculous!" she cried, as soon as she was able to speak. "Only I do hope she won't tell Arthur."

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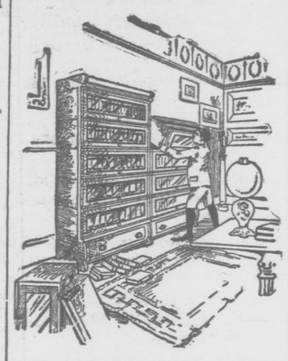

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